



ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY & PLANNING COUNCIL

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To: Board of Supervisors' Health, Mental Health and Public Health Deputies  
From: Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)  
Re: Support for Recommendation for Steering Committee to Consider Input from  
Stakeholder Process Related to Concept of Integrated Health, Mental Health and Public Health  
Agency  
Date: January 30, 2015  
Cc: Aileen Adams, Peter Hong, Yolanda Vera, Kathleen Austria, Sylvia Drew Ivie, Elan  
Schultz, Richard Espinosa, Fred Leaf, Mitch Katz, Marvin Southard, Cynthia Harding

Dear Board Deputies:

The Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON) participated at last week's DMH System Leadership Team (SLT) meeting that unanimously recommended a steering committee be formed that included equal representation of the Departments of Health, Mental Health and Public Health. We fully approve the SLT recommendation that the steering committee include representatives of the Mental Health and Public Health Commissions and the affected client, family and provider constituencies of each Department.

A3PCON and its member agencies have worked with all three departments or divisions since our inception in 1976. Our observation is that the distinct missions of the three departments are most effectively advanced when each has a single department leadership that deeply understands and can focus on their particular mission. Having equal inclusion of the three departments on the steering committee could maintain this quality while developing plans to strengthen coordination in those areas that overlap departments.

A3PCON endorses the letter from ACHSA, the Association of Community Human Services Agencies, on this subject.

A3PCON is an association of over forty Asian Pacific Islander American community organizations in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

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